

Having thus described my invention, what is claimed is:

- 1) A device for accumulating suspended matter from stormwater confined within a chamber engulfed by granular backfill material, comprising a compartment bounded by sidewall structure elongated upon a vertical axis between upper and lower extremities, said upper extremity being open and having a perimeter disposed in a plane orthogonal to said axis, and retaining means protruding radially outward from said sidewall structure for receiving downward gravity force from said granular material.
- 2) The device of claim 1 wherein said sidewall structure is downwardly convergent upon said vertical axis.
- 3) The device of claim 2 wherein the degree of convergence of said sidewall structure is such that the cross-sectional area of said lower extremity is 10% to 40% of the cross-sectional area of said upper extremity.
- 4) The device of claim 3 wherein the lower extremity of said compartment is closed.
- 5) The device of claim 4 wherein said sidewall structure has a multitude of apertures which facilitate drainage of water from said compartment.
- 6) The device of claim 5 wherein the total area of said apertures is between 1% and 10% of the total area of said sidewall structure.
- 7) The device of claim 4 wherein said retaining means are disposed in a gravimetrically symmetrical manner with respect to said axis.

- 8) An assembly comprising the device of claim 1 and a stormwater receiving chamber having an open bottom and a top portal, said device being positioned below said open bottom in axial alignment with said portal.
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